

FREMONT OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday January 17, 2006

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Bill Johnson, Jack Karcz, Kenn Jones, Matthew Thomas, Peter Bolduc, Jean Ragonese and Janice O'Brien

7:10 Co-Chair Janice O'Brien opened the meeting.

Minutes from the January 3, 2006 meeting were accepted.

Janice gave an update on the Dollars and Sense of Saving Special Places presentation, which is scheduled for Monday February 13, 2006 at 7:00PM at the Library. Dave Anderson, Mike Speltz and Dijit Taylor from SPNHF will be presenting. The Conservation Commission voted to fund the presentation.

Janice gave an update on the cost of mailers. The figures she received from Bradford Copy in Raymond were over \$100.00 higher than last year's cost, she will confirm the numbers. It appears we have enough funding for two mailers. An estimate for printed signs was also requested, but Bradford Copy needs to see the sign before they can quote a price. Kenn Jones stated that his wife Kimberly would design a sign. Kenn will work on the first mailer to go out as soon as possible, hopefully early enough to publicize the Dollars and Sense presentation.

Janice gave an update of the Smith Land. The Smith's were unhappy with the appraisal figure and believe that the land has a value closer to the assessed value, which is considerably higher than the appraisal. Mike Speltz suggested that the Smiths contact the appraiser and the assessing company to try and determine why the values are so different. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the predetermined policy that we would not pay more than the appraised value for any land. It was the general consensus of the group that this policy should be adhered to. At this point, we will wait to see the outcome of the Smith's inquiry.

Fremont was not selected for the CELP grant that was applied for.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Respectfully submitted,

Janice O'Brien
Co-Chair